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BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE Basilica Parish Community



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit loving and serving God and each other.

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Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster Julian Mason, Sub-Organist Bruce Taylor, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon 1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School

9 McElderry Road

Principal: Brian Munaro.....519-823-2455

Saint Paul School

182 Clairfields Drive East

Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470

Saint Ignatius of Loyola School

251 Colonial Drive

Principal: Michelle Nagy.....519-822-6192

Welcome to Newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office, at the back of the Church or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon First Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

Contact the parish office if you would like someone to bring Communion or to visit/call you.

High Schools:

Bishop Macdonell High School

200 Clair Road West

Principal: Stephen Gulyas......519-822-8502

Our Lady of Lourdes 54 Westmount Road

Principal: Valerie Markes.....519-836-2170

Saint James High School

57 Victoria Road North

Principal: Sandra Cummings......519-822-4290 **St. John Bosco**

19 Northumberland Street

Principal: Corey Malone......519-824-8909

Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate to maintain our parish as a Symbol of Faith for future generations.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least two months prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available on the website.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least one year in advance before the proposed date of the marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing: Available upon request.

Correspondence Course:

This program is available to assist parents in the religious education of their children. It is available from Kindergarten to High School.

Funeral and Burial Arrangements:

When a death occurs in your family, please advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial please contact the Cemetery Office at 836-8814 or 1-800-661-5985. www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca



Monday, May 6

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) **9:00 a.m.** Mass – Maria Magyar, George Raso,

Intentions of Tracey Fernandes

Tuesday, May 7

8:30 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. Mass - Mary Peori

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. Mass - Maurice & Frances Zadro

8:30 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions

9:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments

12:15 p.m. Mass – Vicki Anderson

Thursday, May 9

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. Mass - Erin Berges-Pettapiece

Friday, May 10

8:30 a.m_ - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. Mass - Arthur Koslow

Saturday, May 11- The Ascension of The Lord

4:00 p.m - Confessions

5:15pm Mass – David Smith, Dr Romuld & Madeleine Carere, Mary Elizabeth Finoro, Wilson McCarthy

Sunday, May 12 - Ascension of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. - Mass

1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 6th Week of Easter, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the Intentions of Josephine Kus and Dedicated to all past and current Parish volunteers to request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gift of \$9,151.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem – to wait – to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

A Prayer to Almighty God in Thanksgiving

We thank God for his faithful servant Father Ian Duffy and the grace and love he has shown in leading and guiding his congregation for the past 30 years. May God continue to bless him and fill him with the strength and courage to continue his work with grace and patience.

From the parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

Parish Gift Shop

May is the month when we celebrate our earthly Mothers or any woman who is important in your life. It is also the month of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. We have beautiful gifts – all price ranges – for Mother's Day and Marian Day. Drop in at the gift shop after any of the weekend Masses. Looking forward to meeting you. God Bless.

Wellington Deanery Young Adults

Our Deanery's new Young Adults' Group hosted a bingo night on Saturday April 27. Approximately 40 people attended, and a fantastic time was had by all! The new group name was also revealed: Frassati's Carabiners! Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is commonly invoked as patron of Catholic young adults. Known as "The Man of the Beatitudes", Pier Giorgio died at age 24 in 1925; an avid outdoorsman and mountaineer, he achieved great heights of personal holiness and service in his short life. A carabiner is a self-locking metal clasp, often used in climbing. Strong & durable, they connect and anchor ropes. Like mountain climbing, the Christian life requires strength & perseverance, and our faith community helps connect and anchor us in the truth of our faith. Animated by the spirit of Blessed Pier Giorgio, our aim is to foster a community that helps our young adults aspire to the heights together.

Parish Golf Tournament

Date: Sunday June 2, 2024

Cost: \$120.00 per person including golf, cart, dinner (and

prizes) - Payment due at time of registration

\$35.00 for dinner only

Golf will be followed by Victoria Park's famous Italian dinner. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm, followed by dinner at approximately 6:00pm. We would ask participants to arrive at least ½ hour prior to start time to register and take part in the putting contest. We will set up a registration table at the tower entrance after each Mass throughout the month of May. The deadline to register is Monday May 27th before 12:00pm. You may make up your own foursome or we can place you in one if you are a single or a group less than four. This year we are aiming to have a donated prize table. If any parishioner wishes to donate a prize, please contact the parish office.

Eucharistic Procession 2024

We are having a planning meeting in anticipation of a May 30th Eucharistic Procession. The meeting will be in the Newstead Room, for those interested in being part of the planning committee, on May 7th and May 14th at 7:00pm

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady's Parish Hall at 5:45pm. On May 15th, the group will be discussing "Edmund Campion: A Life" by Evelyn Waugh. Fr. Mark Morley (Vocations Director for the Diocese of Hamilton) will be joining the discussion on Campion, who was an English priest and martyr. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

The Power of Prayer Speaker

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Associate Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, will be speaking on Tuesday May 14, 2024 in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm. Dr.Josie is a well known author and speaker in our diocese as well as a mother and grandmother. She will be speaking on the power of prayer. Bring family and friends, all are welcome.

Talking About Saints: St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00pm: Guest speaker Ania Kryscial (Campus Minister at the Newman Centre Guelph and trained catechist) will be talking about the life of St. Catherine of Siena. This event will be in the Parish Hall at the Basilica of Our Lady, and open to everyone. St. Catherine was a mystic, a Doctor of the Church, and is one of the patron saints of Italy.

2024 Baby Bottle Campaign

Last year our Parish family raised the most funds from all the churches in Wellington County. Michael House wanted to let you all know they are so blessed to be part of our ministry and appreciate the love that comes with joy. So, this year don't forget to pick up your bottles again in the church after all Mass. Bottles will be collected on Father's Day, fill your bottles with cheques, bills, and change and support the life-changing programs at Michael House. Pick up will be on Mothers Day, May 12th, 2024. For more information, call Erwin at 647-524-5585 or email to erwin@michaehouse.ca

Walk with Mary to Jesus Procession

The Annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 12th, 2024, at 2:00pm. Please join us to honor Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the Culture of Death, it becomes more obvious that we need to publically acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the Culture of Life. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady at 1:45pm and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott at 519-763-9991.

Toronto March for Life

Join us on Saturday May 11th,2024 to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people and is also a place of death for thousands upon thousands of pre-born children every year.

This event is an opportunity to join with hundreds of prolifers to stand up for the rights of our youngest neighbours in the womb. We will gather at Queen's Park at 10:00am for a rally, and then march through downtown Toronto. Workshops will follow at 2:00pm (registration required). Sign up for workshops and lunch by April 30. To sign up or to register your bus go to *torontomarchforlife.ca*.

Walking from Guelph to Midland Pilgrimage

Those who walk the Guelph-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days starting on August 3rd going to August 10th,2024. Pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose. **Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days!** Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair, and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs – Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) NOTE registration deadline June 20,2024.

March for Life - Ottawa

Guelph and Area Right to Life has a bus going to the March for Life Ottawa – please reserve your seat as soon as possible. The bus will be leaving from the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate at 6:00pm on Thursday May 9th, 2024, (please arrive 20 min before the bus is set to leave), and it will leave Ottawa at 4:00pm for the return journey. A donation for your seat would be appreciated, but not essential – please call Brooke at 519-827-5443 or email brookevanleeuwen6@gmail.com to reserve your seats.

Guelph & Area Right to Life

All are welcome to join Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Walk for Life fundraiser happening on <u>Saturday May 25th</u>. Invite your friends, family, church of school to walk in support of Guelph & Area Right to Life's work to change hearts and minds—and save lives. Join either Guelph or Fergus and be sure to stay for the free lunch provided after each walk.

<u>Guelph Location</u>: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10:00am

<u>Fergus Location</u>: Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church, 600 Belsyde Ave E., Doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10:00am

Get full details and register today at: guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life

Catholic Cruises – Shrines of Italy

Dates: Sept 14-27,2024

Price: Land Starting at \$3179 per person (based on double occupancy).

For itinerary and more information or to make a reservation please call Brian at Catholic Cruises and Tours at (860) 399-1785

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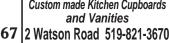
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